

HOUSE BILL 3954

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 39, Chapter 16; Title 39, Chapter 17; Title 39,  
Chapter 18; Title 39, Chapter 15; Title 49 and Title  
68, relative to smoking.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1604, is amended by deleting subdivision (6) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1604, is amended by deleting subdivision (10) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(10) All public and private schools, including, but not limited to, school buildings, school grounds, school buses, and at school sponsored events.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1551, is amended by deleting the language "and special school districts may regulate the use of tobacco products in buildings owned or leased by entities." and by substituting instead the language "and public and private schools shall prohibit the use of tobacco products on school grounds, in school buildings and school buses, and at school sponsored events."

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-6-\_\_\_. Each school shall properly notify parents or legal guardians of the smoking restrictions on school property as reflected in § 39-17-1604 by prominently displaying the information in the school's student handbook, or other standard or policy guidebook that contains the policies and procedures of the school and is distributed annually.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.